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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR  
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

EMMA V. HUNTER, CADC  
No. 37CA00056100

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED  
PRACTICE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"), upon review of Ms. Hunter's April 1, 2009 application for reinstatement of her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling. Respondent's certification expired on July 31, 2008 and she failed to renew her certification for the 2008-2010

biennial renewal. The respondent now requests reinstatement of her certification, stating that she has accumulated 42 of 60 hours of required of continuing education credits. Respondent asserts that she has had financial difficulties and was unable to pay the renewal fee during the year 2008.

Respondent admits that during the period in which she did not renew her license, she continued to engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling at the Challenge Program of New Jersey, in Paterson, New Jersey, notwithstanding that she did not possess a valid certification in New Jersey, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:2D-8(a). Moreover, N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 provides, among other things, that any professional license or certification not renewed within thirty (30) days of its expiration date shall be suspended, and any individual who continues to practice after that date shall be deemed to be engaged in unlicensed practice.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
2009

**ORDERED:**

1. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in the uncertified practice of alcohol and drug counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:2D-8(a).

2. Respondent shall fully and successfully complete 18 hours of continuing education credits for the 2006-2008 renewal period. Respondent shall submit copies of the documentation that she completed the 18 hours of continuing education to the Committee on or before December 31, 2009. The 18 hours of continuing education shall not count towards respondent's continuing education requirement for 2008-2010 renewal period. Respondent shall complete all 60 hours of required continuing education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:34C-5.1(c) for the 2008-2010 renewal, on or before July 31, 2010.

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for practicing alcohol and drug counseling without a valid certification. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P. O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of the Consent Order and provides documentation that she timely completes the remainder of her continuing education requirements for the 2006-2008 renewal period, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

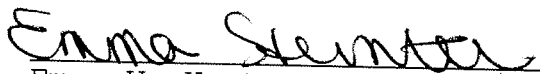
3. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other

proceedings as are permitted by law.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR  
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

  
By: Edward Reading, LCADC  
Chair

I have read the above Order  
and I understand and agree to  
abide by its terms. Consent is  
hereby given to the Alcohol and  
Drug Counselor Committee of  
the State Board of Marriage and  
Family Therapy Examiners to enter  
this Order.

  
Emma V. Hunter, CADC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF LAW  
MEMORANDUM

Date: August 19, 2009

TO: Elaine De Mars, Executive Director  
Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

FROM: Susan C. Berger  
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Emma V. Hunter, CADC

Enclosed please find the executed Consent Order in the above-captioned matter. Please have it signed by the Board Chair and filed and forward a filed copy of the Order to me.

Thank you.

  
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